

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1                   1.       A method for fabricating an electro-optical sensor, said method  
2 comprising:

3                   providing a glass substrate comprising an optically smooth top surface and an  
4 optically smooth bottom surface;

5                   coating the top surfaces of the glass substrate with a transparent electrode;

6                   applying a composition of electro-optic sensor material as a layer over the  
7 transparent electrode;

8                   applying a thin layer of adhesive over the layer of the electro-optic sensor  
9 material layer; and

10                  laminating a pellicle as a film bearing a dielectric mirror layer to the adhesive  
11 layer such that the dielectric mirror layer is substantially optically smooth against the electro-  
12 optic sensor material.

1                   2.       The method in claim 1, wherein said electro-optic sensor material is a  
2 polymer dispersed liquid crystal (PDLC).

1                   3.       The method according to claim 1 wherein the laminating step  
2 comprises performing the lamination in a vacuum.

1                   4.       The method according to claim 3 wherein the vacuum is less than 0.8  
2 atmosphere.

1                   5.       The method according to claim 3 wherein the vacuum is between one-  
2 half atmosphere and 0.8 atmosphere.

1                   6.       The method according to claim 3 wherein the pellicle progressively  
2 engages the adhesive layer during the laminating step, the pellicle and the adhesive layer  
3 being disposed at an angle relative to one another.

1                   7.       The method according to claim 1 wherein the pellicle progressively  
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3 being disposed at an angle relative to one another.

4                   8.       The method according to claim 7 wherein the vacuum is between one-  
5 half atmosphere and 0.8 atmosphere.